

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 and 32 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Claims 1, 9, 19 and 25 have been amended as shown at pages 2-6 of the Reply.

Applicants' representative appreciates the Examiner's acknowledgement in the Office Action dated November 1, 2007 that claims 30 and 32 are allowable. Therefore, independent claims 1, 9, 19 and 25 have been amended to incorporate the allowable limitations of claim 30, which should also make these independent claims and their dependent claims allowable.

In view of the comments and amendments herein, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [ALBRP327US].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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